

# The Island Operator

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## FROM THE WASTEWATER BRANCH

April 2005

NO CESSPOOLS as declared by EPA.

Well, that's what the people of Hawaii have been reading about and hearing these days. But don't panic. For more information on any of the above item, permit application forms, guidance to complete the forms as well as a complete copy of the new rule, please see our our webpage:

<http://hawaii.gov/health/environmental/water/wastewater/index.html>. If you are unable to access our web site, call the Wastewater Branch at phone 586-4294. Questions will be answered by our staff of Engineers and we will try our best to find the best solution for your home or business. Due to our limited staff, we may be back logged, but leaving your name and number and your property's address and tax map key (TMK) number will help our staff to service you better.

Please do not call the Training Center for information on Chapter 11-62.

Back at the Training Center, due to ongoing construction at the Sand Island Wastewater Facility, access to and parking at the training center is limited. A number of training classes have been rescheduled from the Center to either the Honouliuli or Kailua Wastewater facilities. Please watch training announcements carefully as information provided in our annual calendar may be changed.

And finally, due to ongoing construction activities at the Center as well as our staffing situation, we are trying to handle many of the Center's activities from our main Wastewater Branch office at 919

Ala Moana Blvd., Room 309, Honolulu,

Hawaii 96814-4920, phone (808) 586-4294, fax(808)586-4300 and by electronic communications emails. Please bear with us and we are asking you to make sure that you include some additional time for us to respond to your requests.

Thank You & Aloha,

The Wastewater Branch

State of Hawaii

Department of Health

Wastewater Operator Training Coordinator

Halawa - Kalihi, Oahu \$3691/month

Responsible for planning, directing, controlling and coordinating the Statewide Operator Training Center program. Required bachelor's degree; 1 year experience analyzing facts to resolve problems; 2 1/2 years experience in training/education; and wastewater operations training/experience. Appropriate substitutions allowed. For application, call Department of Health/Personnel at 586-4514 or visit [www.hawaii.gov/health](http://www.hawaii.gov/health). Continuous



requirements until needs are met.

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Here's Linda at the Kamaaiana Lunch Wagon

just past the  
Sand Island  
Treatment  
Plant.

# OPERATOR TRAINING SESSIONS - quick look

All Training Sessions are from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm unless otherwise indicated

\* = Tentatively Set - Please Check the **Announcements** for Confirmation of Date, Time, Place

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
May 2	May 3 #302 Anaerobic Digester, Oahu	May 4 #302 Anerobic Digester, Oahu	May 5 #303 Chlorination Skills, Oahu	May 6 #303 Chlorination Skills, Oahu
May 9	May 10 #212A WW Management, Oahu #278A Industrial Hydraulics Tech, Oahu	May 11 #212 A WW Management, Oahu #278A Industrial Hydraulics, Tech, Oahu	May 12	May 13
May 16	May 17 #103 Plant Safety, Kona	May 18 #103 Plant Safety, Kona	May 19	May 20
May 23	May 24 #263 Lifting & Rigging, Kauai	May 25 #263 Lifting & Rigging, Kauai	May 26	May 27
May 30 HOLIDAY	May 31	June 1 #101 Basic WW, Oahu	June 2 #114 Confined Space & #106 Haz Com, Oahu	June 3
June 6	June 7 #114 Confined Space & #106 Haz Com, Maui	June 8 #103 Plant Safety, Oahu	June 9 #103 Plant Safety, Oahu	June 10 HOLIDAY
June 13	June 14 #306 Process Control Lab, Hilo	June 15 #306 Process Control Lab, Hilo	June 16 #306 Process Control Lab, Hilo	June 17
June 20	June 21 #115 Blueprint Reading, Kauai	June 22 #115 Blueprint Reading#303 Chlorination, Waimea	June 23 #303 Chlorination, Waimea	June 24
June 27	June 28	June 29 #303 Chlorination, Hilo	June 30 #303 Chlorination, Hilo	July 1

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The back side of the Sand Island Wastewater  
Plant.



## BOARD OF CERTIFICATION

### Information Update

Form 1 and Form 2 of the ABC  
Certification Examination are available.  
The next exam is

August 18, 2005 Thursday

Be sure to fill out the form correctly and  
have your check or money order (NO  
CASH) payable to STATE OF HAWAII  
for your exam fee. If you need a form  
or any other information, please feel  
free to contact the Training Center at  
phone (808)832-5478 or fax (808)832-  
3496 or contact Mr. Marshall Lum,  
Secretary of the Board of Certification  
at phone (808)586-4294 fax (808)586-  
4300.



**Hawaii Water  
Environment Association  
P.O. Box 2422  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

Should anyone have any questions on HWEA's Annual Conference, vision, or mission to the water environment in the Pacific Island Region, please contact any of the Executive Board members or visit our website at [www.hwea.org](http://www.hwea.org).

If you have any specific questions or comments pertaining to wastewater operators, please contact HWEA's Professional Wastewater Operator (PWO) Representative, Mr. Jerry Morgan on Maui at (808)879-6109.

Questions or comments pertaining to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Facilities may be directed to HWEA's Representative, Mr. Eassie Miller on Oahu at (808)523-8499. Additional contact information for these two individuals may also be obtained at [www.hwea.org](http://www.hwea.org).

And a quick review of the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. It was another great event ... over 300 participants enjoyed the three days of sessions, entertainment and networking. The theme was "Ike Loea Hou No Wai Ma'ema'e" – New Technology Knowledge for Clean Water. The outstanding Conference Committee led by Co-Chairpersons Jay Stone and Travis Hylton worked exceptionally hard to provide the members, guests and other participants with an interesting and informative program.

From February 16 – 18, we all enjoyed topics from corrosion control, to decentralized wastewater treatment, to membrane bioreactor operations with a little fun food and drinks at the President's Reception, 60 exhibitors, the Annual Operations Challenge of speed, knowledge and skill, the Annual Student Poster Challenge for graduate student projects, prizes prizes prizes and of course, the Friday night entertainment of the 5S (Secret Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers) Induction and the famed Casino Night. We'd like to thank once again all the speakers, contributors, moderators, helpers, officers, committee members and of course, YOU, our members and participant in our Annual Conference. We hope to see you at other HWEA functions throughout the year and throughout the islands. And we look forward to your attendance and participation in next year's Annual Conference.

Aloha and Let's Continue Working Together to Keep our Waters Clean!

Be on the lookout for photos from the conference on the Website ... we might see you!

## Training Session Registration Form - PG 5



### ***The Island Operator***

At the time of printing, Lori "Kaj" Morikami, Acting Administrator and Linda Hijirida, Secretary of the Wastewater Branch are still handling the day-to-day operations at the Training Center. Lori and Linda but are on a modified work schedule. Please call before visiting them. (Look for a sign in the window indicating "We are here" or "Gone for the day".)

One of the priorities of the Center is to publish *The Island Operator* again such that current information and news get out to our operators.

The Training Center has begun filling requests for your CEU certificates and other pertinent information. Please continue using the request form. Also, all information releases from the Center will be signed and dated and sent to the requestor. Please allow up to 10 days for the Center to respond to your requests for CEU listings as this requirement will impact submitting applications for examination.

We are continually working with the Board of Certification on updating and revising all forms and applications as well as getting much of this information onto the Department's web site (more to follow on this matter in future issues) for better access by our operators. Evaluating, upgrading and finding new training materials will also continue but at a slower pace. We encourage training class attendees to complete and submit course and instructor evaluations forms which helps us to provide better service. Thank you all for your patience during this transition. We're here for you!

Aloha,

**Harold Yee**, Wastewater Branch Chief

**Lori "Kaj" Morikami**, Acting Administrator

**Linda Hijirida**, Administrative Assistant

Modified Hours of the Training Center – March 2005:

Tuesdays 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursdays 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Call us at (808)832-5478

Fax (808)832-3496

Thank you!



Something "new" sits in the parking lot in the front of the Training Center ... we thought it was going to be a car port for our van ... no such luck.



#### **Upcoming HWEA Activities - May 2, 2005**

State of Hawai'i Wastewater Operator Certification Exam Application Deadline. Please visit the HWEA website to download the application form and instructions.

#### **May 10 - 13, 2005**

American Water Works Association - Hawai'i Section 31st Annual Conference Renaissance Ilikai Hotel Waikiki, Hawai'i

#### **May 2005**

HWEA Spring *Lua Line* Newsletter

#### **August 18, 2005 Thursday**

State of Hawai'i Wastewater Operator Certification Exam

#### **September 2005**

HWEA Summer *Lua Line* Newsletter

#### **November 2005**

3rd Biennial HWEA Collection Systems Conference Location to be Announced

#### **January 2006**

HWEA Winter *Lua Line* Newsletter

#### **February 2006**

28th Annual HWEA Conference, Hawai'i Convention Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i